

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—

(1) and (2) It is not possible to give a complete answer as the period for which the information is sought is not known.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to give the number to-day of permanent hands appointed for acting posts carrying a salary of Rs. 100?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—From what period onwards?

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).—Up to this moment.

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—You can see from the Civil list.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).—Civil list does not contain this information. Certain appointments might have been made after the date of the civil list.

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar** (*Comptroller of Accounts*).—The question asked is the number of permanent hands appointed and not the number of persons now.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).—That is what I meant. Will the information be available?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—The information will be available but not to-day. If you had made the question clearer, we could have supplied.

**Debt Conciliation Board and Land Mortgage Bank—working in close collaboration — suggestion for.**

44. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** (*Kattur*).—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) has the attention of the Government been drawn to an article from the pen of Mr. A. V. Moothedan, Member, Legislative Council, published in local papers throwing out some useful suggestions for close collaboration in the working of the Debt Conciliation Board and the Land Mortgage Bank;

(b) whether the article in question has been brought to the notice of the Board?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—

(a) Yes.

(b) An identical suggestion received from Mr. A. V. Moorthedan has been communicated to the Debt Conciliation Board.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).**—Will the Government kindly inform the House whether they are aware that in the Travancore Debt Conciliation Regulation there is a provision that every conciliation should leave at least one fourth of the debtor's properties to himself untouched over and above the claims of all the creditors?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—I am not in a position to answer that question without referring to the Travancore Regulation.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).**—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly go through it and see whether there is any such provision and see whether we can extend this protection?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—There is no objection for me to go through the Regulation but whether we can introduce it will be a matter for consideration.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).**—Here the question involved being to redeem the security of the debtors is it not a relevant point?

**Mr. President.**—The Hon'ble Member can bring an amending Bill.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know whether the Debt Conciliation Board already instituted has effected any conciliation?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—Government have no information but that they have received a number of applications which are receiving consideration.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—Is the Board to report to the Government the progress they have made from time to time?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—Yes.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—Are we to understand that no progress report has been received from the Debt Conciliation Board?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—In fact no conciliation has been effected till now.

**Mr. President.**—They started only one month ago.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).**—Inasmuch as there has been a specific reference to this subject in the Hon'ble the Diwan President's address yesterday about the difficulties Government are confronted with in leaving the agriculturists with the present debts and trying to make the Land Mortgage Bank to advance the money for them and the Debt Conciliation system has been introduced with a view to help the agriculturists in that line will the Government kindly see whether the adoption of the Travancore method in our system would help the Government in realising this laudable object of theirs?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—That question has been already answered. Without changing the present Act, as it stands, it is not possible to consider the suggestion thrown by the Hon'ble Member.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).**—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly place a copy of the Travancore Regulation on the table to-morrow?

**Mr. President.**—I do not think Government is bound to do that.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know whether the Government has any information regarding the actual number of applications received by this Board?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—About 94 applications have been received by the Board.

#### Hospitals—dietary charges—information regarding.

**45. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(a) the amount of dietary charges (average) per head in the hospitals of the State;

(b) how the same compares with similar charges in Travancore and the Madras Presidency?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (Chief Medical Officer).**—(a) Daily average cost of diet per head for Medam 1112 is given in the statement appended. (*Appendix III.*)

(b) The figures of the hospitals in Travancore and Madras Presidency are not available.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know whether there is any particular significance for giving